

TERRIBLE.

The Northern Forest Fire Disaster.

Many Villages Utterly Destroyed, and Some Partially.

The Number of Dead Will Probably Reach Five Hundred—At Hinckley, Minn., Some Three Hundred Were Victims—Terrible Scenes and Experiences.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 3.—Only the horrors which accompanied the historic Chicago fire can be cited to compare with the terrible scenes and experiences in the flame-swept pine region of Pine, Kanabec and Carlton counties, Minn., and Burnett county, Wis. At least 400 settlers, their families and others were burned to death, or suffocated before the flames reached them, and the death list may reach another hundred or more. The people of Hinckley, which was a prosperous town in Pine county sixty-seven miles southwest of Duluth, are now dead or homeless and destitute. At a conservative estimate two hundred and fifty men, women and children of this doomed town were unable to escape from the merciless, swiftly advancing sheets of flame. They fell on the railroad tracks or on the old territorial road, either to be cremated or die the more merciful death from suffocation by the clouds of dense smoke and heat-laden atmosphere. The number of corpses already recovered from the blackened waste at and around what was Hinckley is 150, the majority being women and children who had not the strength to fight their destroyer or escape by fleeing to a place of safety.

So far as can be learned at this time from the devastated district, the following towns have been destroyed and the following are dead in numbers:

Hinckley, Minn., 1,000 to 1,200 inhabitants; 250 to 300 dead. 500 to 600 homeless.

Pokegama, Minn., next station southwest of Hinckley, 500 inhabitants; 50 dead.

Mission Creek, next station of Hinckley on the St. Paul and Duluth railroad; 10 dead.

Sandstone Junction, Minn., next station north of Hinckley, on the St. Paul and Duluth road; 20 dead.

Sandstone, second station north of Hinckley, on the Eastern Minnesota; 50 dead.

Cromwell, Minn., Carlton county; dead unknown.

Miller, Minn., near Hinckley, off railroad line; dead unknown.

Shell Lake, Barronett, Granite Lake, Cumberland, Pineville, Comstock and Forest City, lumber towns in Wisconsin, between Chippewa Falls and Superior, and Spooner, Wis., were partly destroyed.

The number of dead in these Wisconsin towns and in other parts of the country between Chippewa and Superior is estimated at 500.

The Minnesota conflagration, which was attended by the shocking loss of life and agony of body and mind for hundreds of others who escaped with their lives only, swept everything and everybody in its path from Pine City as far west as Carlton, near Duluth. The great valley between Kettle river and Cross Lake, which a few days ago was in no danger of destruction by the forest fires raging in the lumber states, is now one vast area of ashes and clinders, with here and there an oasis in the desert of devastation in the form of a half-dried lake, a standing farm building or a clump of timber.

The bodies of the known and unknown dead which dot the heated and blackened expanse, give the scene the appearance of a battlefield in which fire has played the conquering role.

Storm Visits Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 3.—A storm swept over the city from the southeast at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and destroyed hundreds of large shade trees in the territory lying between Beville and State streets. John Donovan was seriously injured by a flying gate. The roof of the Pun-handle oil shop was carried several hundred feet and dropped on Washington street, a number of people narrowly escaping. A part of the ball grounds fence went over. The loss to minor property is large.

Nihilists Arrested.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 3.—The police at Kalooga, capital of that government of that name, ninety-five miles southwest of Moscow, have discovered a press that was being used by the nihilists for the publication of literature for dissemination throughout the empire. Many persons have been arrested on the charge of being interested in the press.

Trains Wrecked by Warped Rails.

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 3.—A special from Marquette says: A special from Ontonagon Sunday night says that train No. 65, northbound, on the Milwaukee & St. Paul road, was wrecked twenty miles south of here at noon Sunday. Forest fires had warped the rails out of line. Engineer Fred Almqvist was killed, five cars of logs piling on top of his engine.

Louisville Has a Tornado.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 3.—A small cyclone struck the southwestern part of this city Sunday afternoon, and did about \$12,000 worth of damage. That the destructive cloud was too high is the only reason that the terrible scenes of the cyclone of 1890 were not repeated.

Car Works to Shut Down.

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 3.—The Michigan Peninsular Car works, which have been employing 1,300 men recently, will shut down again indefinitely Monday. The cause is entire lack of orders and the completion of the contracts in hand.

A Statue to Jesse Seligman.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—The trustees of this city have decided to erect a \$10,000 statue to the memory of Jesse Seligman.

SIX SHOT TO DEATH.

They Were Charged With Many Acts of Inhumanity—A Mob Takes Them From an Officer and Rides Them With Bullets. MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sept. 3.—News was received Saturday morning of the lynching of six Negroes in the northern part of the county, two miles west of Millington, a village on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad. For a year or more the people of that part of the county have been kept in continual excitement by acts of incendiarism. Barns and dwellings have been burned and recently the buildings on the Millington fair grounds were destroyed. Suspicion pointed to Dan Hawkins, Robert Haynes, Warner Williams, Ed Hall, John Hayes and Graham White, and Friday they were arrested near Kerrville, in the western part of the county by Deputy Sheriff Richardson.

Later in the day Richardson started with his prisoners in a wagon for Millington, where they were to have a preliminary examination before a magistrate. The six Negroes were chained together. About midnight, when the party was nearing Millington, it was stopped by a mob of fifty men armed with shotguns, who killed all the prisoners and then, remounting their horses which were tied near by, rode away in the darkness. The lynchers were not masked, but the officers being new to that part of the country, recognized none of them. An inquest was held on the bodies Saturday morning and the jury, which included two Negroes, found that the prisoners had come to their death in the manner stated, "at the hands of parties unknown." The new sheriff of the county, who entered upon his office Saturday, will take the matter in hand promptly and vigorously.

The Irrigation Congress. DENVER, Col., Sept. 3.—Wm. E. Smythe, chairman of the national executive committee of the Irrigation congress, which will assemble here next week, has arrived in Denver. He said: I have every reason to believe that this congress will be well attended by representative men. I believe the time for action has come. This is a matter requiring great statesmanship. It is a problem of importance, as it involves the question of inter-state streams and forests.

Outrages Upon Missionaries. SHANGHAI, Sept. 3.—A dispatch from Chefoo says that the British gunboat Red Pole has returned there and reports that there is no truth in the announcement that the Japanese have made another attack upon Port Arthur. The foreign residents in the northern ports are uneasy on account of the outrages committed against missionaries in spite of the imperial decree ordering the natives to respect missionaries and foreigners.

The Cholera in Russian Poland. LONDON, Sept. 3.—The Daily News correspondent at Vienna says that cholera is reported to be raging terribly in Russian Poland. Stomachic, Mieschew and Pinsk are the chief centers of the disease. The inhabitants are camping in the woods. They refuse to obey medical orders and conceal their sick from the doctors, treating them in their own way.

Union Pacific Interest. OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 3.—President Clark, of the Union Pacific, has confirmed the report that the Union Pacific receivers have decided to pay the overdue interest on the Utah & Northern first mortgage bonds, amounting to \$154,700, and on the Utah & Southern extension bonds, amounting to \$34,370.

An Engineer's Terrible Death. AUBURN, Ind., Sept. 3.—Benjamin Anderson, engineer at the Stanford Brick Works, met with a horrible accident Saturday morning. While putting on the driving belt his clothes caught on a pulley wheel, carrying him into the machinery, and crushing him to death. He leaves a family.

Traded Pitchers. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 3.—President Stucky received a telegram from Manager Barnie stating he had traded Pitcher Hemming to Baltimore for Pitcher Inks and a \$2,000 bonus. President Stucky says he sold Hemming because the pitcher was dissatisfied with Louisville.

Beaten and Robbed. CHAGRIN FALLS, O., Sept. 3.—Three masked burglars entered the bedroom of James Bell, a wealthy farmer, north of town, by breaking down the door with a scumming. Bell was pounded into insensibility, and was forced to give up \$10 in cash and \$75 worth of jewelry. No clew.

Boy Firebugs. LIMA, O., Sept. 3.—Two boys, Shores and Nelson, were arrested and confessed to burning the baseball park grand stand Friday. They refuse to tell who put them up to set it on fire.

Cholera in Stettin. BERLIN, Sept. 3.—The health authorities of Myzlowitz, Prussian Silesia, report 160 new cases and 18 deaths from cholera. The first case of cholera was reported in Stettin.

Death of Gen. N. P. Banks. WALTHAM, Mass., Sept. 3.—Gen. N. P. Banks, who has been very low at his home on Main street here since Thursday night, expired at 8 o'clock Saturday morning.

Child Killed by an Electric Car. WARREN, O., Sept. 3.—A two-year-old son of Carl Goetz, of this city, was killed on the Trumbull Electric railroad Sunday.

Growing Weaker. LONDON, Sept. 3.—Reports from Stowe House Sunday night state that the count of Paris is growing weaker. It is believed that the end is near.

Murdered and Robbed. ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 3.—John McGraw, a rich hermit, was murdered and robbed near this city.

It is expected that 80,000 soldiers will be on hand at the G. A. R. encampment at Pittsburgh.

E. W. Cline, marshal of West Liberty, O., has been declared insane.

GRAPHIC STORY

Of the Terrible Forest Fires at Hinckley, Minn.

The Loss of Life is Estimated at Fully Three Hundred.

One Hundred and Forty-One Dead Bodies in One Heap—Entire Families Annihilated—The People Lost Their Heads and Stampeded to the River.

PINE CITY, Minn., Sept. 3.—Conservative reports Sunday night place the total number killed in fires at three hundred at least, with the number of wounded at as many more, a number of whom will die. Nothing like a complete list of dead or injured is obtainable at this moment. One hundred and forty-three charred bodies have been recovered at Hinckley, and forty-five at Sandstone.

Anything like an estimate of the loss is impossible. Hinckley has been completely destroyed, as has Mission Creek, Sandstone and several other small places, and large numbers of people are missing. The fire extends from Pine City as far west as Carlton and Rutledge, sweeping everything in its path.

Rev. P. Knudson, a Presbyterian minister of Hinckley, tells a graphic story of the fire, which swept down on the town like an avalanche. He says over two hundred of those who perished in the flames might have been saved had they kept away from the river. The people lost their heads and stampeded, trying to escape by teams and saddle horses.

Mr. Knudson took a hilltop. When the fire passed over he found himself in a charred desert, surrounded by hundreds of dead, while those who survived are far from help, with nothing to eat and drink. He thinks the horrors of the Chicago fire nothing compared to it. At Hinckley the bodies are being piled in the graveyard, and will be buried as soon as possible. Every effort is being made to identify the dead bodies. There are six hundred homeless people in Pine City.

Judge Nelhaway, one of a party who went to Hinckley Sunday night, said that there were 141 bodies in the heap, and that with those found Sunday night there are 204 altogether picked up in sand banks, streets, etc. A family named Robinson—father, mother and seven children were burned to death. Five little children, looked in each others arms, were found just south of Hinckley. About sixty people were found in a sand pile on the Eastern Minnesota.

One lady was found literally boiled, with a little child buried in the sand. A man, wife and two sons started to get away by teams, but gave up just east of town, and all but one little boy were found with their heads buried in the sand. One freight car was left in Hinckley. Not a vestige of Mission Creek is left. Quite a fire is burning there yet.

Stenographer Matteson, of the Brennan Lumber Co., and a girl named Emily Anderson, were out in the woods when the fire began. They were found later in the woods, locked in each other's arms. John McNamara's child was burned to a crisp in the street with a little dog hanging about his neck.

He informed the reporter that five of his children were burned to death, himself, wife and one son living. "The fire did not run on me," he said. "I saw it coming and had back-fired all around my house, and I thought I was safe, but the sparks came on me from above, and I have lost everything."

"My God," he moaned, "it is terrible! terrible!" He said it was indeed terrible. He stated that when he left his home with his wife and one child there were seven children, three men and three women lying dead at Sandstone.

Mrs. Olson, of Hinckley, both eyes burned, probably blinded, lost husband and three children.

Aaron Olson, of Hinckley, whose eyes were slightly burned, saved his family by getting them in the river. His wife's face and eyes were burned, and she is in the hospital.

Mrs. Yenke, from a farm near Hinckley, eyes and face burned.

Emma Hammond, who had been working on a farm near Hinckley, presented a pitiable spectacle; feet, hands, face and eyes badly burned.

Quiet in Hayti.

QUABANTINE, S. I., Sept. 3.—The steamer Saginaw, Capt. Rockwell, which arrived from Azua, San Domingo, Sunday night, brings no news of any disturbance in Hayti. President Hippolyte is said to be mortally ill, and, when he dies, it is thought that a very uncertain state of affairs will prevail, and a revolution will be among the possibilities.

Happy Canadians.

ROME, Sept. 3.—Sixty Canadian pilgrims attended mass Sunday morning in the hall of the consistory. The pope acted as celebrant. After the services his holiness permitted the pilgrims to kiss his toe and spoke a few pleasant words to each of them.

A Failure.

ROME, Sept. 3.—Eugene Zozzi, formerly American consul here, made an attempt to kill himself Sunday in the half of the Pincio, a fashionable evening resort, but was prevented by the police. It is believed that the attempt was prompted by financial troubles.

Railroads Crippled.

MARQUETTE, Mich., Sept. 3.—The western division of the Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic road is crippled by the loss of bridges in forest fires. Several other roads have suffered serious loss.

Cholera Recur.

BRUSSELS, Sept. 3.—A case of cholera was reported Sunday at Neuport, West Flanders. There was also one case at Spynhise. One death from the disease occurred at Bokmeer.

CONDENSED NEWS

Gathered from All Parts of the Country by Telegraph.

The state of siege at Rio Janeiro has been raised.

Marion Manola, the actress, is hopelessly insane.

Samuel J. Kirkwood, Iowa's war governor, is dead.

Lee Parker was murdered by Charles Beall at Russellville, Ky.

J. J. Collins has accepted the appointment of vice consul at London.

The decrease in the public debt during August was over \$8,000,000.

Four masked men robbed the bank at Tascott, Kan., and then escaped.

George Brumfield, of Richmond, Ind., was fatally shot by the Centreville marshal.

Dr. Horace Todd, of Chicago, died suddenly under circumstances indicating suicide.

Mrs. William Berry, one of the oldest and wealthiest residents of Parkersburg, W. Va., died, aged 80.

Farmers near Goshen, Ind., are organizing to protect themselves against hunters, who trail over their premises without permission.

During the past few weeks numerous hallstoms have done much damage in Kentucky. In some sections all vegetation has been destroyed.

The will of V. Lavagu, of San Francisco, provides for the erection of a hospital for the deaf, dumb and blind, to be located at Santa Cruz, Cal., and to cost almost \$1,000,000.

At Fletcher, O., Abraham Snyder, aged 74, and extensively connected in Ohio, was found dazed in his cow stable. The coroner pronounced it heart failure.

According to the report of Internal Revenue Miller to the secretary of the treasury, the West Virginia district shows a collection of \$846,380 for the fiscal year.

Tom Ring's opium joint, Cleveland, O., was raided by the police at sunrise and a dozen prisoners were taken. Among the victims were several of the chorus singers of an opera company which is playing there.

In reply to an inquiry from the collector of customs at Cincinnati, Secretary Carlisle has written a letter in which he decides that the actual commercial weight of glass, under section 91 of the new tariff act, may be ascertained by weighing five per cent of boxes and striking the average weight.

Secretary Carlisle has given instructions for a thorough investigation of the personnel of the sugar room of the New York custom house. The inquiry will begin this week, and it promises to result either in the dismissal of all the suspected persons, or their transfer to some other branch of the customs service.

The department of state has been informed by Minister Isaac P. Gray that he has made an urgent appeal to President Diaz for executive clemency in the case of Edward T. Adams, the Texan convicted of the murder of a restaurant waiter in Mexico. The president alone now has the power of commuting the sentence to imprisonment for life.

THE MARKETS.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 1.

Flour—Spring patent, \$3.25; do fancy at \$3.50; do family at \$2.50. Winter patent, \$2.50; do family at \$2.50; do low grade, \$1.75; northwestern rye, \$2.00; city rye, \$1.75.

Wheat—The local wheat market was fairly well supplied and prices were only steady with a moderate demand.

Corn—Offerings of corn were rather light and prices were well sustained by a fairly active demand. No mixed track, 55c.

Oats—The market was easier. No. 1 white track, 34c; No. 2 white, 32c; No. 3 white, 30c.

Cattle—Market steady. Good shippers, \$4.00; good to choice, \$3.90; fair to medium, \$3.80; common, \$3.70.

Veal—Market strong. Pairs to good light, \$4.50; common and large, \$3.50, 4.50.

Hogs—Market strong on good grades. Select shippers, none; select butchers, \$6.00; fair to good pickers, \$5.50; common and rough, \$5.00.

Sheep and Lambs—Market strong. Extras, \$2.75; good to choice, \$2.50; common to fair, \$2.00; fair to good, \$1.75.

Wheat—No. 2 red, spot and September, 54c; No. 2 red, 52c; No. 2 red, 50c; No. 2 red, 48c.

Corn—No. 2 white western, 34c; No. 2 white, 32c; No. 2 white, 30c.

Oats—No. 1 white, 34c; No. 2 white, 32c; No. 3 white, 30c.

Wheat—No. 2 red cash, 54c; September, 52c; No. 2 red cash, 50c; No. 2 white cash, 34c.

Cattle—Prime, \$4.00; good to choice, \$3.50; fair to medium, \$3.00; common, \$2.50.

Veal—Medium to good fat steers, 4.00; good butchers, \$3.50; rough fat, \$2.75.

Hogs—Philadelphia, \$5.15; best Yorkers, \$5.00; good to choice, \$4.50; fair to medium, \$4.00.

Sheep—Extra, \$3.75; good to choice, \$3.50; fair to medium, \$3.00; common, \$2.50.

Lambs—Medium to good fat steers, 4.00; good butchers, \$3.50; rough fat, \$2.75.

Cattle—Medium to good fat steers, 4.00; good butchers, \$3.50; rough fat, \$2.75.

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